

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows (all claims listed):

Claims 1-5 (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A SBB bonding method for an HGA by ~~means of an SBB machine according to any one of the preceding claims comprises steps~~ comprising:
- a) making a flex cable trace pattern onto a flex cable sheet (42) ~~by etching or the like~~;
 - b) mounting sliders (24) onto the flex cable sheet (42) by epoxy, ~~with precise alignment to~~ and aligning trace pads one by one;
 - (c) connecting a slider's pad to the corresponding pads of the flex cable trace by bonding SBB or the like;
 - (d) cutting the flex cable (26) provided with the sliders (24) from the flex cable sheet (42);
 - (e) mounting the flex cable (26) provided with the sliders (24) onto a suspension (21) ~~by epoxy or the like~~, and finishing an HGA (81).